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SUBJECT: NO TALK OF KUWAITI OIL IN JORDAN

REF: A. AMMAN 04670

[1](#)B. KUWAIT 01812

Classified By: AMB EDWARD GNEHM, JR., REASONS 1.5 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) REF B requested Embassy Amman's readout on a reported Jordanian claim of an understanding regarding Kuwaiti provision of oil to Jordan. In the Ambassador's recent discussions with the King, the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister (Ref A), we have heard no claims of a Kuwaiti promise to provide oil to Jordan. The Prime Minister specifically said oil did not come up. We do not know the basis for the Kuwaiti media report citing the King.

[1](#)2. (C) As Ref A reported, the Finance Minister did say there were quiet discussions under way involving possible financial support to Jordan by Kuwait and the UAE. The support would consist of a grant/soft loan of \$1 billion covering a period of three years but with the transfer of the total sum coming at the beginning of the period. The Finance Minister asked that this information be closely held.

[1](#)3. (C) COMMENT: The only current grant of oil for Jordan we are aware of is the 50,000 barrel/day grant from Saudi Arabia announced recently, to the dismay of both the Saudis and the Jordanian Finance Minister (Ref A).  
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